

is very shallow showing a number of geological faults. The glacial thickness is slightly more than 1 km and the crustal boundary is estimated to be of the range between 32 to 38 kms.

Shifting of Headquarters of PSUs

1729. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state .

(a) whether the Government had formulated any scheme for shifting headquarters of Public Sector Undertakings to places outside NCT of Delhi;

(b) if so, the outcome of the plan; and

(c) the name of PSUs which still have their headquarters in the NCT of Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. 24 Public Sector Undertakings were identified for being shifted out of Delhi as a part of measures for decongesting Delhi. Out of these 24 Undertakings, 4 units have already shifted out of Delhi. A list of 24 units identified for shifting is given in the Statement-I attached. The list of Public Sector Undertakings which have already shifted out of Delhi is given in Statement-II attached.

STATEMENT-I

List of Public Sector undertakings to be shifted out of Delhi

S.No.	Name of the Public Sector Undertaking	Status of office to be
1.	National Seeds Corporation Ltd.	Headquarters
2.	State Farms Corporation of India Ltd.	-do-
3.	Central Warehousing Corpn.	Regional office and Construction Cell
4.	Food Corporation of India.	Central training institute and zonal office (North)
5.	Hospital Services Consultancy Corpn. of India Ltd.	Headquarters
6.	Helicopter Corporation of India.	-do-
7.	Airlines Allied Services Ltd.	-do-
8.	India Roads Construction Corpn.	-do-
9.	National Small Industries Corpn.	Regional Office
10.	National Fertiliser Corpn. Ltd.	Headquarters
11.	Fertiliser Corpn. of India.	-do-
12.	Hindustan Fertiliser Corpn. Ltd.	-do-
13.	Pyrites, Phosphates and Chemicals Ltd	-do-
14.	Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.	-do-
15.	Indo-Burma Petroleum Co. Ltd. (Chem.Div.)	-do-
16.	National Hydro-Electric Power Corpn.	-do-
17.	National Textiles Corporation (Delhi Punjab & Rajasthan). Ltd.	Regional unit
18.	Minerals & Metals Trading Corpn. of India Ltd.	Headquarters
19.	State Trading Corpn. India Ltd.	-do-
20.	National Thermal Power Corpn. Ltd.	-do-
21.	Rural Electrification Corpn. Ltd.	-do-
22.	National Project Construction Corpn. Ltd.	-do-
23.	Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.	-do-
24.	Cement Corporation of India.	-do-

STATEMENT-II

List of Public Sector Undertakings shifted out of Delhi

Ministry of Water Resources

- (a) National Project Construction Ltd. renamed as Rashtriya Priyojana Nirman Nigam Ltd.

Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

- (a) Pyrites, Phosphates & Chemicals Ltd
- (b) Paradeep Phosphates Ltd.

Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

- (a) Indo-Burman Petroleum Co. Ltd.

Sewerage Schemes in Coastal Towns

1730. SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government have called for the status and proposals of the sewerage treatment facilities from the selected towns along the coastal belt;
- (b) if so, whether the Government of Kerala had submitted any proposals for the same; and
- (c) if so, the present status of the said proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of Kerala had forwarded a preliminary status report of sewerage scheme in 10 coastal cities for exploring the possibility of external funding from the Global Environment Facility through the Ministry of Environment & Forests/Department of Ocean Development. The external funding has not materialised so far.

Treatment of Sewage

1731. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government have formulated any project for the treatment of sewage-sludge through Gamma Irradiation in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details of the estimated cost and the places where it is proposed to be commissioned and the capacity of the plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). Ministry of Environment & Forests had carried out a study for disinfection of sewage sludge using gamma irradiation

in collaboration with Bhabha Atomic Centre, at Baroda in 1993-94. Due to limitation on source materials, high capital and operation costs of the plants, the technology has not been found to be economically viable.

[Translation]

Scientific Research

1732. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR : SHRI DINSHA PATEL :

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that India's contribution in Global Scientific Researches is declining;
- (b) if so, the details thereof in past 15 years;
- (c) whether according to international science magazine India's position has reached from 8th to 15th place in scientific researches; and
- (d) if so, the incentives being offered to scientists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c). No Sir. There are diverse parameters to measure the contribution of national scientific research to the global effort. One such measure is the number of patents granted in USA to the nationals of a country, by this count India's performance improved significantly. As compared to 9 patents granted in 1981, the number granted in 1995 was 38, a fourfold increase. Increasingly, that patents are being considered as a more reliable yardstick for a country's scientific output. India's declining position in research has been alleged in a letter to the Editor of the journal 'Nature' on the basis of the publication count of papers in journals covered by the Science Citation Index (SCI). As no information has been given in the letter regarding the compatibility to parameters such as number of journals, subjects, etc. used for making the comparison, the claims cannot be substantiated.

(d) The Government is encouraging publicly funded organisation such as, CSIR, ICAR and ICMR to share with their scientists financial returns realised from their researches.

[English]

Deep Sea Fishing

1733. SHRI A.G.S. RAM BABU : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is proposed to ban deep sea fishing;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and by when; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of persons involved in deep sea fishing?